BEL 313

INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THINKING

ASSIGNMENT 2 (20%)

**Individual Work**

Select an article that is persuasive in nature. Newspaper editorials would be a good source. Read the article carefully. It must be an article that presents an argument which you know is flawed. On a clear copy of the article, highlight the main conclusion and the premises that the writer puts forward.

Reproduce the premises and conclusion. You may have to paraphrase the ideas so they form complete sentences and remember that one conclusion could serve as a premise for another.

Next, write a paper of about 500 – 800 words. Comment on the weakness of the article. Pay particular attention to the language choices that the writer makes in order to persuade readers to accept the conclusion. Make a stand that opposes the argument put forward in the article and provide points to support your own stand.

**Date of Submission: Week 10**